Target to train unskilled workers

† 2131. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTI LAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government has set the target of providing training to 1.25 crore unskilled workers within the coming 15 years;

if so, whether any programme has been formulated for it and if so, the details thereof;

the amount to be spent every year on this scheme and the details thereof State-wise; and

the number of unskilled workers to be trained every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERN ANDES): (a) to (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing a scheme titled "Skill Development Initiative" which aims to train, test and certify skills of one million persons during the next five years with an outlay of Rs. 550 crore. Government has decided to set up a National Skill Development Mission under which 1500 more Industrial Training Institutes and 50,000 Skill Development Centres are planned to be set up in the next five years in Public Private Partnership mode to train about 10 million persons per annum.

Employment opportunity in agriculture sector

† 2132. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that agriculture sector is the only sector which provides highest number of employment opportunities in the country;

if so, the details in this regard; alongwith the percentage of the people employed in this sector during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the estimated number of people to be employed in this sector after the Eleventh plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Reliable estimates of employment on usual status basis obtained through quinquennial labour force survey conducted during 2004-05 by National Sample Survey Organisation reveal that agriculture sector alone provided employment to 268.57 million persons out of total employment of 459.10 million in the country, accounting for 58.5 per cent of total employment.

(c) Eleventh Five Year Plan document approved by National Development Council has projected no increase in employment opportunities in agriculture sector.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.